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Title: Need to sanction a special rehabilitation package for the flood affected districts of Assam.

SHRI ANWAR HUSSAIN (DHUBRI): The devastating flood of July-August 2007 in Assam has affected 26 district out of 27. Death toll has gone up to 23. According to Government's assessment altogether 3967 revenue villages, 44, 19,792 people, 535, 586 hectare area of land 1,55608 hectare of Agricultural land, 949 houses were damaged and 221 Nos. of PWD roads were badly affected.

There were 53 Nos. of breaches of embankments which have made the situation very critical. Many cattle have lost lives including the rhinos.

Outbreak of water-borne diseases with receding of water might follow. The most dangerous curse of the flood is erosion. Thousands of hectare of areas of land might be eaten up by the Brahmaputra and its tributaries. Arrival of the last wave of flood can not be ruled out.

I urge upon the Government to sanction special flood package for Assam for rehabilitation, seedlings, seeds for Rabi cultivation, manure, free tractoring, food, medicine, repairing of roads, embankments etc.